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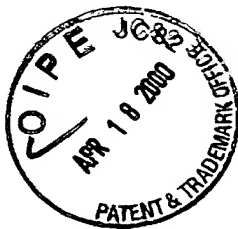
In re application of

David COATES ET AL.

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For: HOMEOTROPICALLY ALIGNED LIQUID CRYSTAL LAYER AND PROCESS
FOR THE HOMEOTROPIC ALIGNMENT OF LIQUID CRYSTALS ON PLASTIC
SUBSTRATES



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Respectfully submitted

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